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SUBJ: SAUDI ARABIAN WARNING AGAINST AIRCRAFT

REF: TEL AVIV 1838

1. YOU SHOULD RAISE WITH APPROPRIATE SAUDI AUTHORITIES IMPLICATIONS OF NOTAM 224 OF DECEMBER 1972 WHICH APPARENTLY, FROM REFTEL, HAS BEEN REISSUED ON MARCH 7. THIS NOTAM CALLS ATTENTION OF PILOTS THAT FLYING OUTSIDE NOTIFIED AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE PERMITTED ROUTES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. ANY AIR-CRAFT VIOLATING NOTAM IS LIABLE TO BE FIRED ON WITHOUT WARNING. AIR TRAFFIC ROUTES TO WHICH SAUDI NOTAM REFERS WERE DEFINED IN NOTAM 15/72 OF 14 SEPTEMBER 1972. AS RELATE TO RED SEA, USE OF NORTH-SOUTH AIR TRAFFIC ROUTE WITHIN THE JIDDA FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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REQUIRE AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE TO OVERFLY SAUDI TERRITORY.

2. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH TWO ISSUES. FIRST IS THREAT POSED TO AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD STRAY OUT OF AIR CORRIDOR AND, ACCORDING TO SAUDI NOTAM, BE FIRED ON AND RESULT IN VERY SERIOUS INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT. SECOND ISSUE IS BROADER ONE OF WHETHER SAFETY AND EXPEDITIOUS MOVEMENT OF AIRCRAFT REQUIRE OVERFLYING TERRITORY OR WATERS UNDER SAUDI

JURISDICTION. IN THIS CONNECTION, YOU SHOULD ASK (A) IF NOTAM 224 IS INTENDED TO APPLY TO AIRSPACE OUTSIDE SAUDI TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, (B) IF NOTAM 15/72 HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO ICAO, AND (C) IF NOTAM 224 APPLIES TO AIRCRAFT FLYING NORTH- SOUTH IN RED SEA WHICH FOLLOW ROUTE OUTSIDE OF SAUDI FIR, I. E. WITHIN THAT PORTION OF INTERNATIONAL AIR SPACE OVER RED SEA WHICH LIES WEST OF SAUDI FIR.

3. FOR TEL AVIV: YOU SHOULD INFORM GOI THAT WE ARE LOOKING INTO MATTER. IT APPEARS TO US THAT IF ISRAELI AIRCRAFT DO NOT ENTER SAUDI FIR, THERE ARE NO DESIGNATED CORRIDORS TO DEVIATE FROM AND THEREFORE SAUDI NOTAMS DO NOT APPLY. ROGERS

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